

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR.

Executive Office,
State of Texas.

Austin, Texas, March 7, 1911.

To the Senate:

Senate bill No. 332, which amends Section 26 of a Special Act of the Regular Session of the Thirtieth Legislature, is herewith returned without approval.

It appears from the statements contained in the caption that one of the purposes of the Act is to authorize an increase in the bonded indebtedness to the city of Tyler through proper action by its city council in the sum of fifty thousand dollars for the erection of a school house. On this account I regret very much that I can not give the bill my approval.

My objection to the bill is on account of the following provision contained therein:

"The city council shall have the right to enact all necessary ordinances to restrain, punish, regulate and control, license and locate all houses of prostitution or assignation, and the keepers and inmates thereof."

The foregoing provision of the proposed amendment to the charter of the city of Tyler is in direct conflict with the provisions of Chapter 4 of Title 10 of the Penal Code, which defines offenses against public morals and provides penalties for violation of same. I do not think the Legislature ought to confer authority on the city of Tyler to set aside and by an ordinance annul the statutes herein referred to.

For this reason Senate bill No. 332 is vetoed.

Respectfully,
O. B. COLQUITT,
Governor of Texas.